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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOL RESCINDS APPROVAL OF PAN AM ADDITIONAL
FREQUENCIES

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1. PAN AM RECEIVED LETTER FROM MINISTER COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND
TRANSPORTATION APRIL 24 RESCINDING GOL APPROVAL OF ONE ADDITIONAL
PASSENGER AND ONE CARGO FREQUENCY BEGINNING MAY 1. TEXT OF
LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

QTE I AM REFERRING TO YOUR LETTERS OF JANUARY 30 AND 31, 1975
ADVISING US OF CHANGES IN YOUR CARGO FLIGHT SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE
MAY 1, 1975, CORRESPONDENCES TO WHICH YOU OFTEN REFERRED IN
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SUBSEQUENT LETTERS, SINCE INDEED YOU HAD RECEIVED THE APPROVAL

OF THE DIVISION OF CIVIL AVIATION FOR WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE CHANGES IN SCHEDULED TIME OF EXISTING FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, ON CLOSER EXAMINATION OF YOUR ADVICE OF ANOTHER CHANGE OF SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 20, 1975, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE CHANGES WERE NOT CHANGES IN TIME, BUT IN FREQUENCY TO INCLUDE TWO ADDITIONAL WEEKLY FLIGHTS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A SUBTLE DESIGN TO MISLEAD THIS MINISTRY. I DEPRECATE THIS ACT AND HEREBY RESCIND THE APPROVAL SO OBTAINED FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES BY THEIR LETTER DCA/34/75/2-20 OF FEBRUARY 18, 1975. NO ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES INTO ROBERTSFIELD BY PAN AM CAN NOW BE PERMITTED. UNQTE.

2. LOCAL PAN AM REP HAS ADVISED HIS HEADQUARTERS THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

3. AIR LIBERIA PRESIDENT YESTERDAY CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT MINISTRY'S HARASSMENT OF PAN AM OVER FREQUENCIES ENTIRELY AIMED AT APPLYING PRESSURE TO OBTAIN BLOCK SEAT ARRANGEMENT UNDER GOL TERMS (SEE REFTEL).

4. PAN AM AGREEMENT WITH GOL ON PROVISION OF AIR SERVICES (SIGNED MARCH 14, 1958 AND RENEWED IN 1968 FOR FURTHER 10-YEAR PERIOD) DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR GOL APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF FREQUENCIES OR SCHEDULES. APPLICABLE SECTION OF AGREEMENT SPECIFIES THAT QTE PAN AMERICAN IS AUTHORIZED, DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND ANY RENEWAL THEREOF, TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AND TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AIR SERVICES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL, PASSENGERS, BAGGAGE AND CARGO BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD UNQTE. VIEW THIS CONTRAVENTION OF PAN AM AGREEMENT WITH GOL BY MINCOMMERCE, SUGGEST DEPT. CONSULT WITH PAN AM TO ASCERTAIN WHAT COURSE OF ACTION THEY WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TAKE TO PROTECT THEIR CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS. PLEASE ADVISE. MANFULL

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